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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 11, 2003, the Applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, **WITH TRAVERSE**, Group I, claims 1-32, directed to a method for detecting gunked and cracked ultrasonically tuned blades.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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Respectfully submitted

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